



Minutes of the Engagement & Priorities Committee of Pitt Meadows

April 8, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

Meadows Room

12007 Harris Road, Pitt Meadows, BC V3Y 2B5

Elected Officials:

- Mayor N. MacDonald
- Councillor T. Elke
- Councillor A. Evans
- Councillor M. Hayes
- Councillor B. Meachen
- Councillor G. O'Connell

Staff:

- M. Roberts, Chief Administrative Officer
- K. Barchard, Corporate Officer
- T. Barr, Deputy Corporate Officer
- A. Dominelli, Planner
- C. O'Byrne, Manager of Planning
- P. Ward, Director of Planning & Development

Absent:

- Councillor M. Manion

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor MacDonald acknowledged with respect and gratitude that the City of Pitt Meadows is located on the traditional, unceded territory of ᑭᓴᓴᓴ (Katzie) First Nation who were stewards of this land since time immemorial.

B. LATE ITEMS

There were no late items.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** THAT the agenda for the April 8, 2025 Engagement & Priorities Committee Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

D. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** THAT the Minutes of the following Engagement & Priorities Committee Meeting be approved as circulated:

D.1 October 22, 2024 Engagement & Priorities Committee Meeting

CARRIED

E. COMMITTEE MINUTES AND REPORTS

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** THAT the Committee receive for information:

E.1 Community Support and Accessibility Committee Minutes, November 25, 2024

E.2 Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee DRAFT Minutes, January 23, 2025

E.3 Community Service Awards Task Force Minutes, January 30, 2025

E.4 Economic Development Advisory Committee Minutes, February 6, 2025

E.5 Community Service Awards Task Force DRAFT Minutes, February 7, 2025

E.6 Agriculture Advisory Committee Minutes, February 13, 2025

E.7 Community Support & Accessibility Committee DRAFT Minutes, February 24, 2025

E.8 Agriculture Advisory Committee DRAFT Minutes, March 6, 2025

CARRIED

F. CURRENT PRIORITIES

F.1 Tourism Development

Colin O'Byrne, Manager of Planning, presented an overview of Tourism Development in Pitt Meadows including the following highlights:

- Destination BC research;
- The City's policy framework.

Guy Miller, Pitt Meadows Airport Manager, presented an overview of the airport's marketing campaign and efforts to attract and increase tourism to the community.

Committee members participated in a roundtable discussion.

Colin O'Byrne continued the presentation sharing the following information:

- Overview of Hopcott Farm's initiatives;
- Tourism amenities and special events in Pitt Meadows;
- Recent and ongoing initiatives; and
- Scenic Route 7 and Destination BC initiatives.

Committee members participated in a roundtable discussion sharing the following feedback:

- Consider initiatives geared towards incorporating the wedding industry;
- Consider food truck festivals held at YPK;
- Restaurant & cycling tours [bites and bikes];
- Potential for an incline trail akin to Coquitlam Crunch;
- Connect with travel agent's to gather feedback;
- Capitalize on cycling groups;
- Importance of highlighting what Pitt Meadows is [ie: cranberry fields, fishing, farms]; and
- Importance of supporting / celebrating Pitt Meadows.

Mayor MacDonald then opened the floor to members of the public to engage in two way dialogue.

The following community member participated in the public engagement opportunity:

- Patricia Gordon, Pitt Meadows - regarding the significant turnout and success of the Ridge Meadows Minor Baseball Association's tournament for Rumble in the Ridge.

F.2 Proposed Zoning Bylaw Amendments Related to Uses of Agricultural Land

Patrick Ward, Director of Planning & Development, introduced the topic and presented a brief outline of the Staff Report.

Allison Dominelli, Planner, continued the presentation sharing an overview of proposed amendments to the City's Zoning Bylaw.

Committee members participated in a roundtable discussion and expressed general support for the proposed amendments. Additional comments included:

- Regarding "Parking & Vehicles":
 - Clarification of how 'containers' are defined;
 - Clarification of resident property owner or resident;
 - Enforceability of restrictions;
 - Clarification if parade floats or vintage vehicles are included in definition;
 - Clarification on the number of dump trucks permitted on farm property; and
 - Clarification of RV storage on ALR land.
- Regarding "Size Limit of Single-Family Dwellings":
 - Importance of maximizing the use of the land for farming;
 - Clarification of impacts to secondary dwellings and impacts on size.
- Regarding "Accessory Residential Structures":
 - Clarification of what the additional space could be used for.
- Regarding "Garden Suites on parcels less than 8094 m²":
 - Clarification of differences between septic requirements and inspections for garden suites versus secondary suites;
 - Current farm use status for impacted properties;
 - Importance of considering aging in place / multi-generational families; and
 - Supportive of public consultation.
- Regarding "Temporary Farm Worker Housing":
 - Clarification of threshold for workers by commodity.

Mayor MacDonald then opened the floor to members of the public to engage in two way dialogue.

The following community member participated in the public engagement opportunity:

- Peter Jongbloed, Pitt Meadows - regarding support for the proposed zoning bylaw amendments to protect agricultural land, specifically the proposed regulations pertaining to farm home plate. [by email: Attachment 1]

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** THAT the Committee:

- A. Receive for information the report titled “Proposed Zoning Bylaw Amendments Related to Uses of Agricultural Land”, as presented at the April 8, 2025 Engagement and Priorities Committee Meeting.

CARRIED

G. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Signed and certified as correct:

Nicole MacDonald, Mayor

Kate Barchard, Corporate Officer